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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, PORG, BE
SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - STATEMENT

REF: STATE 131755

1. ONCE WE LOCATED REFS CITED REFTTEL WITH USNATO'S ASSISTANCE WE MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS, ERIK BAL, ON MAY 24.
2. BAL TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT OF VEST - VAN CAUWENBERG TELECON EMPHASIZING HIGHEST LEVEL U.S. INTEREST IN DOCUMENT. HE THANKED US FOR BRINGING THAT TO HIS ATTENTION.
3. BAL TOLD US THAT USG COULD COUNT ON THE BELGIANS TO PLAY A "CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE". HE SAID THAT THE GOB HAD NOT YET FINISHED ITS FINAL REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC DOCUMENT ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY. PRESENT BELGIAN THINKING ON THE PUBLIC DOCUMENT, ACCORDING TO BAL, IS THAT IT CONTAINS CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) WEAKNESSES AND THAT CARE WILL HAVE TO BE EXERCISED NOT TO WHET THE PUBLIC'S APPETITE FOR ACCESS TO THE EAST-WEST

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STUDY BY MEANS OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENT. BAL REITERATED THAT THE BELGIANS WOULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

4. BAL TOLD US THAT HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SOVIET "PRESSURE" ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY AND HAD REACTED APPROPRIATELY. DE TARR

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